

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Meeting to be held on 23rd January 2017

TASK AND FINISH GROUP – LANCASHIRE VICTIM SERVICES

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Executive Summary

This report outlines the progress so far by the Task and Finish Group that has been scrutinising Lancashire Victim Services.

Recommendation

The Panel is asked to note the progress made by the Task and Finish Group and receive a verbal report at the meeting today (23rd January 2017).

Background and Advice

Following discussions by the Panel at the last meeting in October relating to the Commissioner's re-commissioning of Victim Services and the identification of this area for scrutiny in the Forward Plan for the Panel, it was agreed that a Virtual Task and Finish Group would be set up to look further into this.

Councillors Roger Berry and David Whipp volunteered to sit on the Task and Finish Group and meet with the Commissioner's Office.

The above Councillors met with officers from the Commissioner's Office on Friday 9th December 2016 at County Hall, and will provide an update at today's meeting.

Since the meeting, the Commissioner's Office have forwarded several documents to Cllrs Berry and Whipp, including the presentation they received at the meeting on the 9th December, a SMSR Report on Lancashire Victim Services, Service Specification (from recent Tender Documents) for the service from 1st April 2017 and Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 Performance Reports from Victim Support.

Councillors Berry and Whipp have also been invited to attend future Quarter Performance Review meetings between the 24th January and 27th January 2017.

The Panel will continue be updated on progress of this scrutiny topic.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

N/A

Legal Implications

N/A

Financial Implications

N/A

Risk management

N/A

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers**

None.

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Reasons for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate
N/A